# 5-810 -A Site Summary- San Nicolas Island

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Thomas Guide Location Latitude N Longitude W
County: Ventura Co. 33 15.0 119 30.5

USGS Quad: 33119B4 NOAA Chart: 18740

Last Page Update: 11/12/2003

### SITE DESCRIPTION:

San Nicolas Island is the site of an attempt to establish a breeding colony of Sea Otters. Sea Otters may occur within any of the nearshore zones around the island, but the majority of the marine mammal colonies are found at the west end of the island.

# SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN

Rank A - All year.

# **RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN**

Harbor Seal, California Sea Lion, and Northern Elephant Seal haul-out and pupping areas. Seabird roosting sites. Extensive kelp beds.

California Brown Pelican (Federal and State endangered species) and Cormorants.

Sea Otter (Federal threatened species).

# **CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

# KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

Type	Name / Title	Organization P	hone
T		Bureau of Land Management	(831) 372-6105
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Ventura Office)	(805) 644-1766
T		U.S. Geological Survey (sea otters)	(805) 927-3893
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (24 hr)	(916) 445-0045
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (marine mammals)	(858) 467-4213
TE		U.S. Navy Duty Officer-San Nicolas Island	(805) 989-7259
TE		U.S. Navy Duty Officer-San Nicolas Island	(805) 989-2370
TE		U.S. Navy Duty Officer-San Nicolas Island	(805) 989-2335
T		U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (24 hr)	(760) 271-6934
О		Catalina Island Conservancy	(310) 510-1421
T		NOAA/Nat. Mar. Fish. Service (marine mammal:	s) (562) 980-4017
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (sea otters)	(805) 772-1135
T		Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (Los Alamitos)	(562) 342-7100

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:** 

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#### **CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:**

To protect sensitive species including a new colony of Sea Otters. There are several points on the island which may have one or more protected species. Location of deployment will depend on the direction of the incoming oil plume.

### **HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:**

Watch weather and sea conditions.

# SITE STRATEGIES

# Strategy 5-810.1 Objective: Open water recovery to prevent oil from reaching shoreline.

ACP DATE

Under suitable sea conditions, use towed boom arrays with OSRO vessels and vessels of opportunity (each boom 660' to 750') as necessary. Vessel captains should be cautious of shallow spots and thick kelp on the west end.

**Table of Response Resources** 

strategy	harbor	swamp	Other	sorb	Anchoring		Boom	Skiffs	Skimmers		Special Equipment			staff	Staff
number	boom	boom	boom type	boom	no	type and gear	boat	punts	No	Type	No	and	kinds	deploy	tend
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#### LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Access best by boat.

LAND ACCESS: Access best by boat.

WATER LOGISTICS: Shallow reefs and thick kelp.

Limitations: depth, obstructions:

Launching, Loading, Docking No services available.

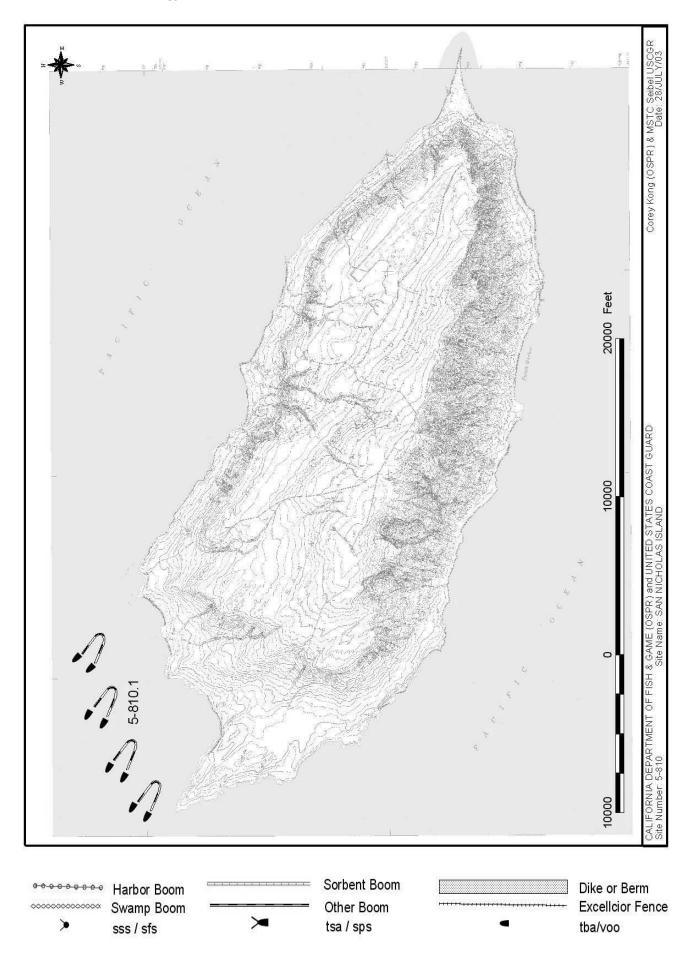
and Services Available:

# FACLITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS: Limited cellular phone coverage.

### **ADDITIONAL OPPERATIONAL COMMENTS:**

Access is exclusively by boat and air. Contact Naval Command in Port Hueneme as work will be close to a Naval facility and access is restricted.



# 5-850 - A Site Summary - Santa Barbara Island

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County: Los Angeles Co. Thomas Guide Location Latitude N Longitude W 33 28.5 118 2.1

USGS Quad: NOAA Chart: 18756

Last Page Update: 11/12/2003

### SITE DESCRIPTION:

Santa Barbara Island lies approximately 70 miles south of Mugu Lagoon. It is about one square mile in size and most of the shoreline consists of vertical rock cliffs and wave-cut platforms, with scattered coarse-grained sand to gravel beaches. This island is very important for marine mammals and seabird nesting. Dispersant use should be considered for oil on deep water.

# **SEASONAL and SPECIAL RESOURCE CONCERN**

Rank A - All year.

### RESOURCES OF PRIMARY CONCERN

Harbor Seal, California Sea Lion, and Northern Elephant Seal haul-out and pupping areas. Seabird roosting sites. Extensive kelp beds.

California Brown Pelcians (Federal and State endangered species), shorebirds, and searbirds.

# **CULTURAL, HISTORIC, and ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES**

# KEY CONTACTS: Trustee (T); Entry/Owner/Access (E); Cultural (C); or Other Assistance (O)

T Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (Marine Biologist) (805) 560-6758 T Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (Wildlife Biologist) (805) 491-3571	
T Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game (Wildlife Biologist) (805) 491-357	
T U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Ventura Office) (805) 644-1766	
T NOAA/Nat. Mar. Fish. Service (marine mammals) (562) 980-4017	
T NOAA Protected Resources (562) 980-4020	
T Channel Islands Nat. Marine Sancturay (877) 982-2617	
T Channel Islands National Park (after hours) (661) 723-7619	
T Channel Islands National Park (8am - 4:30pm) (805) 658-5720	

**ADDITIONAL SITE SUMMARY COMMENTS:** 

#### Site Strategy - Santa Barbara Island 5-850 -A

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County and Thomas Guide Location NOAA CHART Los Angeles Co. 18756 33 28.5 118 2 1 11/12/2003 Last Page Update :

#### **CONCERNS and ADVICE to RESPONDERS:**

To protect sensitive species and habitat. There are several points on the island which may have one or more protected species. Location of deployment will depend on the direction of the incoming oil plume.

### **HAZARDS and RESTRICTIONS:**

Watch weather and sea conditions.

### SITE STRATEGIES

# Strategy 5-850.1 Objective: Open water recovery to prevent oil from reaching shoreline.

ACP DATE

Under suitable sea conditions, use towed boom arrays with OSRO vessels and vessels of opportunity (each boom 660' to 750') as necessary. Vessel captains should be cautious of shallow spots and thick kelp on the west end.

**Table of Response Resources** 

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#### LOGISTICS

DIRECTIONS: to site (by land and/or by water, to nearest launch ramp and are access permits required.)

Access by boat only.

LAND ACCESS: Access by boat only.

WATER LOGISTICS: Shallow reefs and thick kelp.

Limitations: depth, obstructions:

Launching, Loading, Docking No services available.

and Services Available:

# FACLITIES, STAGING AREAS, POSSIBLE FIELD POSTS AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE:

#### COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS:

# ADDITIONAL OPPERATIONAL COMMENTS:

Contact the Channel Islands National Park, Santa Barbara Island is designated as part of a National Park, a National Marine Sanctuary, an "Area of Special Biological Significance" (ASBS) and is included in the International Biosphere Preserve Program. Trustee agencies may not sanction beach cleanup activities that interfere with marine mammals and/or bird populations. Every method to keep oil from coming ashore should be considered. The National Park Service reserves the right to deny access to anyone at any given time as circumstances dictate.

